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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 655

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*Commending the Halifax County Cancer Association.*

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WHEREAS, in April 2017, the Halifax County Cancer Association is celebrating 60 years of providing financial, educational, and emotional support to local cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Halifax County Cancer Association is to help fight cancer in the community through education, direct services, and financial support to those affected by cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Halifax County Cancer Association is funded entirely by donations raised in the local community; services such as gas vouchers, medication assistance, nutritional supplements, wigs, bras, and prosthetics are provided for free to anyone who lives in Halifax County; and

WHEREAS, in the last six years the Halifax County Cancer Association has provided services to 650 patients, totaling over \$500,000, a monumental feat considering the association operates with just one full-time employee; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, thanks to funds bequeathed by an anonymous patient, the Halifax County Cancer Association purchased a storefront building in downtown Halifax to serve as its permanent headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the growth and success of the Halifax County Cancer Association over the past 60 years could not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of the residents, government leaders, and civic organizations of Halifax County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Halifax County Cancer Association on the 60th anniversary of its founding and the tremendous support it has provided to thousands of cancer patients over the past six decades; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Calvin Williams and Sharon Blosser, board president and director of patient services, respectively, of the Halifax County Cancer Association, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's deep commitment to assisting those facing the life-altering diagnosis of cancer.

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